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To: All Priority Class "D" claimants with active Letters of Commitment:

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND (CLEANUP FUND), NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF AMENDMENTS TO LETTERS OF COMMITMENT

The Cleanup Fund must immediately suspend all further amendments to Letters of Commitment (LOC) for Priority Class "D" claims. This action is necessary due to an unanticipated increase in the demand against the Cleanup Fund for Priority Class "A", "B", and "C" claims, which under law must be paid before Priority Class "D" claims. This suspension will remain in effect until funds become available.

You should continue to submit reimbursement requests for "D" claims with an active LOC, even if the balance of the LOC is zero. We will issue payments up to any remaining balance of the LOC, and credit your claim with any unpaid balance. We will review the Cleanup Fund's cash status periodically to determine if funds are available to pay active Priority Class "D" claims. Once funds become available, claims will be paid in priority order, and affected claimants will be notified that a payment will be issued. The payment amount will be based on the claim's accrued credit at that time.

Priority order within a priority class is typically determined by (1) date of filing of the application and (2) random number assigned to the claim.


We regret the inconvenience caused by this action. Please telephone your payment review staff here at the Cleanup Fund if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Allan V. Patton, Manager
UST Cleanup Fund

cc: Regional Water Quality Control Board UST Program Managers
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